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SUBJECT: AALC REP VISA PROBLEM: STATUS REPORT

REF: LAGOS 9752

BEGIN SUMMARY: AALC REPRESENTATIVE GOULD HAS NOT
RECEIVED VISA BULPHAS BEEN ASSURED BY ULC LEADERS THAT
VISA IS FORTHCOMING. END SUMMARY

1. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH TUI DIRECTOR NATE GOULD
AND ULC ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY ODEYEMI, IT APPEARS
GOULD'S VISA SITUATION IS BEING RESOLVED. GOULD REPORTS
HE HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH ULC LEADERS FOLLOWING
BRIEF CEREMONY JANUARY 12 AT DRIVERS' TRAINING SCHOOL
(SEPTEL). ULC OFFICIALS TOLD GOULD THEY HAD HIGHEST
ASSURANCES FROM TOP OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY INTERNAL AFFAIRS
THAT VISA HAS BEEN APPROVED AND WILL BE ISSUED WHEN
PERMSEC RETURNS FROM VACATION. THEY URGED GOULD NOT TO
ISSUE DEADLINE FOR CLOSING TUI UNTIL THEY COULD ASCERTAIN
EXACTLY WHEN PERMSEC IS DUE TO RETURN.

2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION JANUARY 9 ODEYEMI REVEALED HE
HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMSEC ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS OVER PAST WEEK. HE WAS CONFIDENT VISA WOULD BE
ISSUED BY JANUARY 11 BUT PERMSEC LEFT ON VACATION DAY BEFORE.
ODEYEMI NOTED VISA ISSUE HAS SPLIT ULC LEADERS AND HAMPERED
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ULC ACTIVITIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS. ALL ULC OFFICIALS

RECOGNIZE EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF TUI TO ULC AND ARE NOW WORKING TO GET VISA ISSUE SOLVED. HE NOTED HE PERSONALLY PLANS TO DEVOTE MORE TIME AND EFFORT TO ULC MATTERS IN 1974 AND WILL PLAY REDUCED ROLE IN OATUU AND OTHER INTERANATIONAL MATTERS.

3. GOULD NOW CONFIDENT VISA WILL BE ISSUED. HE NOTES HIS DEADLINE ON CLOSURE OF TUI WAS FLEXIBLE AND WAS ISSUED BASICALLY TO GET ULC LEADERS TO FOCUS ON TUI BUDGET PROBLEMS CREATED BY LACK AALC FINANCING. HE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INFORM O'FARRELL HIS FEELINGS ON VISA ISSUANCE.

4. COMMENT: ONE COMMENT BY ODEYEMI, I.E., THAT ULC LEADERS AND PERMSEC INTERNAL AFFAIS WERE CERTAIN PERMSEC'S LETTER LAST SEPTEMBER TO GOULD WAS FIRM ASSURANCE FMG INTENTION TO ISSUE VISA AND WAS SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR AALC TO CONTINUE TUI FUNDING, SEEMS TO CLARIFY SOMEWHAT MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH DEVELOPED BETWEEN ULC AND AALC. ODEYEMI AND OTHER ULC OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE UNDERSTAND AALC'S INSISTENCE ON VISA ISSUANCE AND INABILITY TO ACCEPT PERMSEC LETTER AS FMG COMMITMENT. CONTINUED AALC PRESSURE FOR VISA AROUSED SUSPICIONS OF ULC, PARTICULARLY AFTER SERIES OF RUMORS BEGAN CIRCULATING CONCERNING AALC'S DESIRE TO SEE ULC LEADERSHIP CHANGES. ONLY WITH RELUCTANCE HAVE ULC LEADERS ACCEPTED IDEA THAT AALC MOTIVES WERE NOT ULTERIOR. EMBASSY BELIEVES AALC/ULC PROGRAMS CAN NOW CONTINUE AND WILL BENEFIT BOTH GROPS. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON ABILITY OF GOULD AND ODEYEMI TO ADOPT CONCILIATORY ATTITUDES AND DOWNPLAY PAST DIFFERENCES. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

5. REQUEST INFORMATION ON RESULTS AID/AALC CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. CROSBY

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